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revealed, such as obstructionism, early collections, forced collections, over-collections, changes in rates at will, violence, self-satisfaction on part of cadres, failure to understand tax policies, embezzlement, love of ease, and pride of position.

It is hoped that during 1951 these shortcomings and evils can be overcome and the general level of efficiency raised among the tax officials.

NATIONWIDE PRICE STABILIZATION ACHIEVED -- Shanghai, Hsing-wen Jih-pao,  
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During the latter part of October 1950, certain capitalist opportunists succeeded in manipulating the markets to cause a considerable price rise to a point where the index was 178.9 (considering prices of 31 December 1949 as 100). The government finance departments of all levels swung into action to increase supply and exert greater market controls. By the end of November, prices in the six big trading centers -- Tientsin, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, Sian, and Chungking -- had been stabilized at 176.

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